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A method is presented for calculating the aerodynamic properties of a flat plate of any given shape at arbitrary values of the accommodation coefficient in a rarefied gas flow. First-time collisions of free-stream and reflected molecules are considered, with the effect of attenuation of the reflected flow on free-stream flow taken into account. The presence of the arbitrary accommodation coefficient means that the velocity of a reflected molecule cannot be neglected at the time of collision with a free-stream . molecule, and this leads to a complex collision integral. The method is based on calculating the function of the effect of molecules reflected from an elementary surface upon the acrodynamic characteristics of the other elementary surface. A detailed scheme for computer calculation by means of the Monte Carlo method was developed. The results of numerical calculations of the aerodynamic characteristics of a square plate for various values of the accommodation coefficient $\alpha_A^* = 1$, 1/2, 1/32, and 1/128 are presented as an illustrative example. Original article has: 7 figures, 33 formulas, and 3 tables.

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THE RESISTANCE OF A FLAT PLATE LOCATED NORMAL TO THE FLOW OF GREATLY RAREFIED GAS

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Given in the work is a method of calculation of aerodynamic properties of a plate of arbitrary form with an arbitrary value of the coefficient of accommodation in the flow of greatly rarefied gas, taking into account first collisions between molecules of reflected and incident flows. As an example calculations of the aerodynamic properties of a square are given.

1. Introduction. In works [1-8] there was 1 vestigated the streamline flow of bodies of different form possessing a coefficient of accommodation $\alpha_{\rm A}^*=0$ in the range of the so-called hyperthermal theory, taking into account first intermolecular collisions. Let us recall the basic positions of this theory.

At very large macroscopic speeds of flows of greatly rarefied gas, the characteristic speed in the flow is the mean thermal velocity of the molecules $V_T = \sqrt[3]{2RT_\infty}$ and not the speed of sound, as it was in the hypersonic theory. Therefore, instead of the dimensionless number M the new number $S_\infty = U_\infty/\sqrt[3]{2RT_\infty}$ is introduced.

Let us assume that molecules of the flow incident on the body possess macroscopic velocity U_{∞} , much greater than the mean thermal velocity, i.e., $S_{\infty} >> 1$. Not introducing gross errors into further

calculations, it is possible to assume that the incident flow consists of molecules moving in parallel to each other at macroscopic speed U_{m} (such an assumption is acceptable when $S_{m} \geq 5$).

Let us assume that the temperature of the body is low because of heat removal so that $T_W \cong T_{\infty}$; since the coefficient of accommodation $\alpha_A^* = 0$ the speed of the reflected molecules has an order of thermal velocity of molecules of incident flow, which permits disregarding the latter at the time of collision of the molecule of incident flow with the reflected speed as compared to the speed V_{∞} .

In works carried out earlier there is proposed the following method of calculation of acrodynamic properties of a body. On the surface of the body an element of the surface dF was selected, and there was calculated a change of some molecular criterion arriving on the element dF because of collisions of molecules of incident flow with molecules reflected from the whole surface of the body

$$\dot{\Pi}_{jdF} = \Pi_{cjdF} + \Pi_{(+)jdF} - \Pi_{(-)jdF},$$

where Π_{jdF} — flow of the j-th molecular sign on element dF, Π_{0j} — flow of the j-th molecular criterion on element dF during freely molecular streamline flow, $\Pi_{(+)j}$ — flow of the j-th molecular sign arriving on the element dF due to collision of molecules of incident flow with the reflected, $\Pi_{(-)j}$ — flow of j-th molecular sign which because of collisions of molecules of incident flow with the reflected does not fall on the element dF.

In this work the solution of another problem with the help of a calculation different from the preceding method is proposed.

2. Formulation of problem. Let us consider the streamline flow of a flat plate of arbitrary form in the plan possessing an arbitrary

coefficient of accommodation α_A^* and arbitrary temperature T_W and a flow of greatly rarefied gas.

The law of reflection is best to select on the basis of the experiment, but since up to now there has been no reliable experimental data then we will select the classical law of reflection, diffuse the Maxwellian function of distribution of reflected molecules and temperature T_0 (i.e., with energy E_0):

$$f_0 = n_0 \left(\frac{h_0}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} e^{-h_0 v_0^2}, \quad h_0 = \frac{m}{2kT_0}.$$

The presence of the arbitrary coefficient of accommodation leads to the fact that at the moment of collision of the molecule of incident flow with the reflected speed the latter cannot be neglected, which in its turn leads to the complication of the integral of collisions. Thus as earlier, we will assume that the molecules are solid balls with a diameter σ .

Of all the forms of possible collisions of molecules among themselves belonging to different flows, we will consider only the collisions, of molecules of incident flow with reflected flow, considering the effect of damping of the reflected flow on the incident.

Taking into account those difficulties which are found in the solution of the preceding problems and the laboriousness of the method of calculation, in this problems we will use a somewhat different method founded on the calculation of the influence function for some molecular criterion of one element of the surface on another [6].

Let us examine the small, as compared to the surface of the body, element of the surface dF, and calculate what is influence of

molecules reflected from this element on aerodynamic properties of another element of the surface dF_{j} . By knowing the influence function of element dF_{i} on the remaining elements of the plane, one can determine (in virtue of linearity of the problem) the influence of all elements entering into the plate of a given configuration on the element of plate dF_{i} , and then by adding the flow of the corresponding molecular sign on the whole plate we will obtain the total flow of some molecular sign for the whole surface of the body.

3. Diagram of solution of the problem on a computer. We will solve this problem with the application of the Monte-Carlo method, which in preceding works was used for the calculation of the integral of collision.

Let us fix in space near the element dF_i an arbitrary point A(X, Y, Z), then select an velocity vector arbitrary in magnitude of reflected molecules v_0 ; its direction is determined by coordinates of the element and i pint A(X, Y, Z).

Let us assign further the impact parameters Ψ and ϵ (Fig. 1) with respect to the direction of speed $g=U_{00}-v_{0}$ and determine by it the directing cosines of the line of centers at the time of collision of the reflected molecule with the molecule of incident flow (in the system of coordinates connected with the element dF_{i}). Then the quantity of collisions in the element of volume at point A is such that the reflected molecules possess speed in the element dV, and the line of centers, found in the solid angle $d\Psi$, will be equal to

$$K_{1} = \sigma^{2} n_{\infty} n_{0} \left(\frac{h_{0}}{\pi}\right)^{1/\epsilon} e^{-h_{0}v_{0}^{2}} g v_{0}^{2} e^{-\frac{r}{v_{0}} \pi c^{3} n_{\infty} g} \times \frac{ds^{7}}{r^{2}} \cos \mu \, dv \, d\mu \, d\beta \sin \Psi \cos \Psi \, d\Psi \, dz \, dX \, dY \, dZ,$$

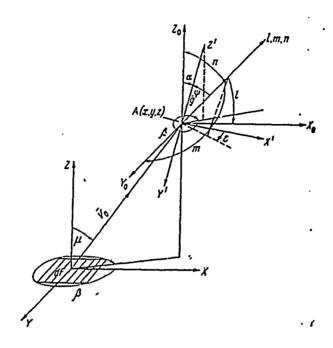


Fig. 1.

where $g^2 = v_0^2 + U_\infty^2 + 2v_0U_\infty.\cos\mu$

$$X = r \sin \mu \cos \beta$$
, $Y = r \sin \mu \sin \beta$, $Z = r \cos \mu$.

The expression for \mathbf{n}_0 can be obtained from the law of preservation of the number particles on the surface of the plate

$$n_0 = 2n_\infty U_\infty (\pi h_0)^{1/\epsilon}.$$

The direction cosines of the line of centers with respect to the system of coordinates connected with element $dF_{\underline{i}}$ can be written thus

$$l(x) = \cos \Psi \cos \beta \sin \alpha + \sin \Psi \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \varepsilon - \sin \Psi \sin \varepsilon \sin \beta;$$

 $m(y) = \cos \Psi \sin \beta \sin \alpha + \sin \Psi \cos \alpha \sin \beta \cos \varepsilon + \sin \Psi \sin \varepsilon \cos \beta;$
 $n(z) = \cos \Psi \cos \alpha - \sin \alpha \sin \Psi \cos \varepsilon,$

where

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{v_z + U_\infty}{g}, \quad \cos \beta = \frac{X}{\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}}.$$

The variables of problem have the following range of variation:

$$0 \leqslant \Psi \leqslant \pi/2, 0 \leqslant \mu \leqslant \pi/2, 0 \leqslant \varepsilon \leqslant 2\pi, 0 \leqslant \beta \leqslant 2\pi, 0 \leqslant r \leqslant \infty, 0 \leqslant v_0 \leqslant \infty.$$

In the expression for the number of collisions the recording used for the solid angle $r^{-2}dF$ cos μ is accurate, strictly speaking, when $\sqrt[r]{dF} \ll r$, i.e., with a tendency $r \to 0$ dF it should approach zero faster. However, in our case dF is the fixed magnitude and with a tendency $r \to 0$ the solid angle is equal to ∞ . In order that this not be true, it is possible, not exceeding the bounds of accuracy of the method, to record the solid angle in the following form:

$$d\Omega = f(r)\cos\mu, \quad \text{where} \qquad f(r) = \begin{cases} 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{r^2} > 2\pi\right) \\ \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{1}{r^2} < 2\pi\right) \end{cases}.$$

All the variables of the problem for every collision can be selected equiprobable within limits of a change of each variable.

Above it was stated that for every element of surface dF_j it is necessary to determine two forms of flow of the n-th molecular sign with the index (+) and (-). Flows with the (+) index correspond to flows arriving on the element dF_j due to collision of the reflected and incident molecules at an arbitrarily selected point of space (X_m, Y_m, Z_m) . Flows with the (-) index correspond to those flows of molecular signs which do not attain the element dF_j due to collisions of reflected and incident molecules at points (X_m, Y_m, Z_m) , i.e., at points located above the element dF_j .

If we want to determine the flow of some molecular sign arriving on element dF_j as a result of dispersion of molecules of incident flow on reflected flow from the element dF_j , we should multiply the number of collisions K_i by the appropriate weight $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{n}(\pm)}$. For the flow of mass, the flow of normal pulse, and the

energy flow expressions for $R_{n(+)}$ and $R_{n(-)}$ have the following form:

$$R_{1(+)} = m$$
, $R_{2(+)} = mv_z^{(1,2)}$, $R_{3(+)} = \frac{m}{2}v^{2(1,2)}$, $R_{1(-)} = m$, $R_{2(-)} = mU_{\infty}$, $R_{3(-)} = \frac{m}{2}\hat{\mathcal{J}}_{\infty}^2$,

where the indices 1, 2, 3 below correspond to the above-mentioned flows, and indices (1, 2) above correspond to two molecules appearing as a result of the collision. It is possible to obtain an expression for speeds of molecules after collision depending upon the value of these speeds up to the collision and impact parameters

 $\begin{array}{l} v_x^{(1)} = v_0 \sin \mu \cos \beta - l\omega, \ v_y^{(1)} = \cdot \sin \mu \sin \beta - m\omega, \ v_z^{(1)} = v_0 \cos \mu - n\omega, \\ v_x^{(2)} = l\omega, \ v_y^{(2)} = m\omega, \ v_z^{(2)} = -U_{c_0} + n\omega, \\ \omega = ln_0 \sin \mu \cos \beta + mv_0 \sin \mu \sin \beta + n \ (U_{\infty} + v_0 \cos \mu), \end{array}$

l, m, n are direction cosines of the line of centers at the time of collision in the system of coordinates connected with the element of dF_{i} .

After the collision of the trajectory of the molecules one can determine the direction cosines in the system of coordinates with the center at point $A(X_m, Y_m, Z_m)$:

$$\lambda_{x}^{(1)} = \frac{v_{x}^{(1)}}{\sqrt{v_{x}^{2(1)} + v_{y}^{2(1)} + v_{z}^{2(1)}}}, \quad \lambda_{x}^{(2)} = \frac{v_{x}^{(2)}}{\sqrt{v_{x}^{2(2)} + v_{y}^{2(2)} + v_{z}^{2(2)}}},$$

$$v_{y}^{(1)} = \frac{v_{y}^{(1)}}{\sqrt{v_{x}^{2(1)} + v_{y}^{2(1)} + v_{z}^{2(1)}}}, \quad v_{y}^{(2)} = \frac{v_{y}^{(2)}}{\sqrt{v_{x}^{2(2)} + v_{y}^{2(2)} + v_{z}^{2(2)}}},$$

$$\tau_{z}^{(1)} = \frac{v_{z}^{(1)}}{\sqrt{v_{x}^{2(1)} + v_{y}^{2(1)} + v_{z}^{2(1)}}}, \quad \tau_{z}^{(2)} = \frac{v_{z}^{(2)}}{\sqrt{v_{x}^{2(2)} + v_{y}^{2(2)} + v_{z}^{2(2)}}},$$

if
$$v_Z^{(2)}$$
 < 0 or $v_Z^{(1)}$ < 0, then
$$X_1 = X_m + \frac{\lambda_x^{(1)}}{\tau_x^{(1)}} Z_m, \quad X_2 = X_m + \frac{\lambda_x^{(2)}}{\tau_x^{(2)}} Z_m,$$

$$Y_1 = Y_m + \frac{v_y^{(1)}}{\tau_x^{(1)}} Z_m, \quad Y_2 = Y_m + \frac{v_y^{(2)}}{\tau_x^{(2)}} Z_m,$$

i.e., after the given collision the molecule will arrive in elements dF_1 and dF_2 with the corresponding speeds $v^{(1)}$ and $v^{(2)}$.

Thus it is possible to construct completely the form of the

influence function with weight $R_{\rm n}$ of element dF on any element of plane dF , after which the calculation of integral aerodynamic properties is not difficult.

4. Results of calculation. A calculation was produced for the influence functions corresponding to the particle flux, to the flux of the normal pulse, and to the energy flux. With this the influence was determined of the square element on a certain quantity of other elements, so that as a result of the calculation it became to determine the aerodynamic properties of a flat plate arbitrary form inscribed into square (11×11) .

A calculation was produced for the following values of the coefficient $\alpha_{\rm A}^*=$ 1, 1/2, 1/32, 1/128, where

$$\alpha_A^{\bullet} = 8RT J U_{\infty}^2.$$

The corresponding influence functions with a different value of α_A^* are given in Tables 1-3. Results of the calculation when $\alpha_A^* = 1/128$ practically do not differ from results of the calculation when $\alpha_A^* = 1/32$. In order to obtain a correction for some flow of molecular sign arriving on element dF_j it is necessary to add the influence functions for the corresponding criteria

$$\Delta \Phi_i^{(k)} = dF_i \sum_j W_{ij}^{(k)} dF_j .^2$$

Here the Knudsen number $\mathrm{Kn}_{\infty} = (2\pi\sigma^2\mathrm{n}_{\infty})^{-1}$, since the characteristic dimension is equal to 1 (unit of length is the side of the unit square element).

$$W_{ij}^{(1)} = mn_{\infty}U_{\infty} \frac{2}{Kn_{\infty}} \Delta N_{ij}, \quad W_{ij}^{(2)} = \frac{mn_{\infty}U_{\infty}^{2}}{2} \frac{2}{Kn_{\infty}} \Delta P_{ij},$$

$$W_{ij}^{(3)} = \frac{mn_{\infty}U_{\infty}^{3}}{2} \frac{2}{Kn_{\infty}} \Delta E_{ij},$$

which corresponds to the fluxes of molecules, normal pulse, and energy.

Table 1	Table 2	Table 3
$\dot{\alpha_A} = 1$	$\alpha_A^* = 1/2$	$\alpha_A^* = \frac{1}{33}$
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The flow of the k-th molecular criterion arriving on element ${
m d} F_{\mbox{\scriptsize i}}$ can be written in the following form:

$$\Phi_i^{(k)} = \Phi_{c\cdot k}^{(k)} - \Delta \Phi_i^{(k)},$$

where $\Phi_{c,n}^{(k)}$ — is the value of the corresponding flow of molecular criterion in freely molecular conditions of streamline flow. For the flow of normal pulse and energy flow it is necessary to consider

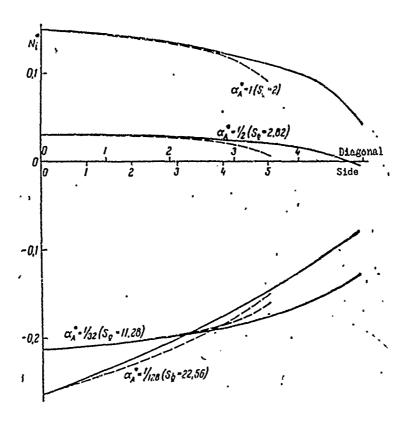


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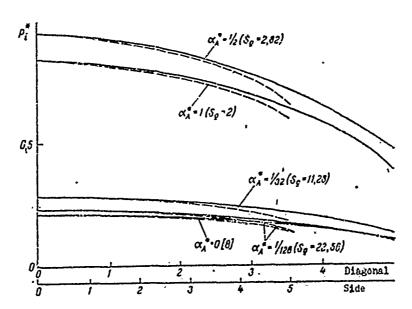


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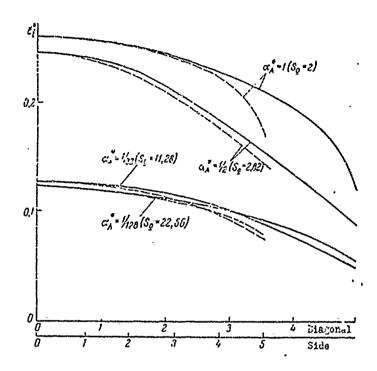


Fig. 4.

the reactive value of the corresponding flows.

As an example there is produced a calculation of the aerodynamic properties of a square plate with side d. For an appraisal of the accuracy of the method a comparison is made with the calculation produced in [8] when $\mathbb{N}_{0} \to \infty$ ($\mathbb{S}_{0} \to \infty$).

Figure 2 gives curves (salid line corresponds to the distribution along the diagonal, dashed line - along the side) for correction to the flow particles

$$N_i^* = N_i \, \mathrm{Kn}_{\infty} / n_{\infty} U_{\infty} S_0.$$

Figures 3-4 give curves for corrections to the flow of the normal pulse and to the energy flow without taking into account the reactive flow

$$P_{i}^{\bullet} = \frac{P_{i} \operatorname{Kn}_{\infty}}{I_{/2} m n_{\infty} U_{\infty}^{2} S_{0}}, \quad E_{i}^{\bullet} = \frac{E_{i} \operatorname{Kn}_{\infty}}{I_{/2} m n_{\infty} U_{\infty}^{3} S_{0}}$$

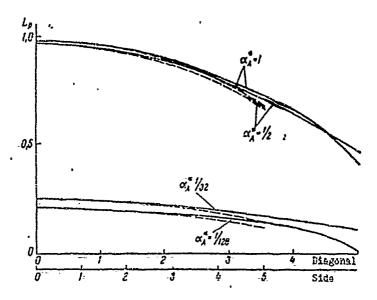


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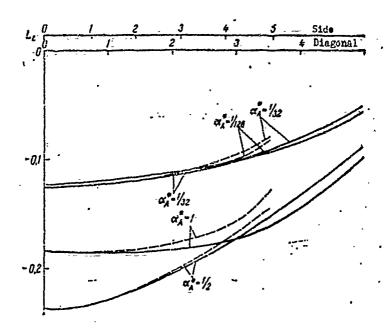


Fig. 6.

Taking into account the jet stream the expression for the normal pulse is recorded in the following form:

$$\overline{P}_{N(i)} = \frac{mn_{\infty}U_{\infty}^2}{2} \left[2 + \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{S_{\sigma}} - \frac{S_{0}}{Kn_{co}} \left(N_i \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{S_{\theta}} + P_i \right) + P_i N_i \left(\frac{S_{0}}{Kn_{co}} \right)^{s} \right],$$

and for the energy flow

$$\overline{E}_{i} = \frac{mn_{\infty}U_{\infty}^{3}}{2} \left[1 - \frac{2}{S_{0}^{2}} + \frac{S_{c}}{Kv_{\infty}} \left(\frac{2}{S_{0}^{2}} N_{i} - E_{i} \right) + E_{i}N_{i} \left(\frac{S_{0}}{Kn_{\infty}} \right)^{2} \right];$$

the corresponding curves are given in Figs. 5 and 6 where

$$L_p = N_i \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{S_0} + P_i$$
 and $L_E = \frac{2}{S_0^2} N_i - E_i$.

For the total fluxes of the mass, normal pulse, and energy the corresponding expressions, taking into account the jet stream

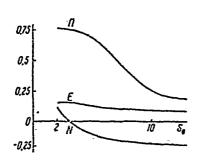


Fig. 7.

(disregarding terms $(S_0/Kn_{\infty})^2$ and of higher order) are obtained

$$C_N = 1 - \frac{S_0}{K n_{\infty}} \sum_{i} N_i$$

(the total flow of the mass is referred to $mn_m U_m F$),

$$C_x = 2 + \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{S_0} - \frac{S_0}{Kn_\infty} \left(\sum_i N_i \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{S_0} + \sum_i P_i \right)$$

(the total flow of the normal pulse is referred to $1/2 \text{ mn}_{\infty} U_{\infty}^2 F$),

$$C_E = 1 - \frac{2}{S_0^2} + \frac{S_0}{K n_{\infty}} \left(\frac{2}{S_0^2} \sum_{i} N_i - \sum_{i} E_i \right)$$

(the total flow is referred to 1/2 $mn_{\omega}U_{\omega}^{3}F$). Figure 7 gives curves plotted depending upon S_{0} for

$$N = \sum_{i} N_{i}, \quad \Pi = \sum_{i} N_{i} \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{S_{0}} + \sum_{i} P_{i} \quad \text{and} \quad E = \frac{2}{S_{0}^{2}} \sum_{i} N_{i} - \sum_{i} E_{i},$$

$$S_{0} = \frac{U_{\infty}}{\sqrt{2RT_{0}}}, \quad Kn_{\infty} = [2\pi c^{2}n_{\infty}d]^{-1}.$$

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